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TO AMEMBASSY PORT AU PRINCE

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TAGS: ETEL, BDIS, PFOR, PGOV, HA, US

SUBJECT: GOH REQUESTS USG HELP IN STAMP SCANDAL

REF: PORT AU PRINCE 599

1. DEPT HAS REFERRED REFTEL TO US SECRET SERVICE, WHICH HANDLES COUNTERFEITING AND RELATED FORGERY MATTERS IN UNITED STATES. WE WILL BE DISCUSSING CASE WITH SECRET SERVICE NEXT WEEK AND WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR POUCHING DOCUMENTATION REFERRED TO PARA 4 REFTEL ASAP. YOU MAY TELL GOH OFFICIALS THAT MATTER IS BEING LOOKED INTO IN UNITED STATES AND WE WILL SEEK TO BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE.

2. FYI: AS EMBASSY MAY BE AWARE, FORGERY, COUNTERFEITING, ISSUING OR USE OF FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS' POSTAGE STAMPS, ARE CRIMES UNDER FEDERAL LAW (18 USC 502). OTHER FEDERAL STATUTES RELATING TO FRAUD OR FORGERY MAY ALSO BE RELEVANT IF, AS APPEARS FROM THE INITIAL PRESENTATION OF FACTS, CERTAIN OF THE ACTS OCCURRED WITHIN THE UNITED STATES.

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UNDER ARTICLE 14 OF THE UNIVERSAL POSTAL CONVENTION THE

STATES PARTY AGREED TO ADOPT OR TO PROPOSE TO THEIR LEGIS-  
LATIVE BODIES THE NECESSARY MEASURES TO PUNISH COUNTERFEIT-  
ING OF POSTAGE STAMPS, AND TO PROHIBIT AND SUPPRESS  
FRAUDULENT OPERATIONS OF THE MANUFACTURE AND CIRCULATION OF

STAMPS USED IN POSTAL SERVICE. (UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION  
CONVENTION, 16 UST 1336.) US-HAITI EXTRADITION TREATY OF  
1904 (TS 447); 8 BEVANS 653, DOES NOT REPEAT NOT INCLUDE  
COUNTERFEITING OF POSTAGE STAMPS AS ONE OF SPECIFIC CRIMES  
LISTED IN ARTICLE 2. HOWEVER, IT DOES COVER FORGERY OF  
PUBLIC OR PRIVATE DOCUMENTS AND THE USE OF FORGED  
DOCUMENTS. EXTRADITION QUESTION RAISES VARIETY OF  
COMPLEX ISSUES WHICH WE WILL DEAL WITH AT APPROPRIATE  
TIME. END FYI. INGERSOLL

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